

CAMP JOE HOLT.

formance of a specific duty, and the idea of discussing the wisdom or practicability of the order never entered his mind. Political discussions exasperated him, and it was not uncommon to see them broken up by the use of language more forcible than polite, and the participants sent about their business in a very summary manner. Thus it came about that he conceived a violent antipathy toward the officers who preferred talking politics

While these events were transpiring in Eastern and Central Kentucky, affairs had culminated in the establishment of military camps on Green River, and at a point in Indiana opposite Louisville, Ky. Lovell H. Rousseau whose bold advocacy in the Legislature of the sovereignty of the General Government, referred to in a preceding chapter, after organizing the Home Guard at Louisville, set about

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Captain and Aid-de-Camp.
HEADQ'RS DISTRICT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI,
Cairo, Ill., September 7, 1861.
Brig.-Gen. JOHN A. MCLELLAND,
Commanding, &c., Cairo, Ill.:
You will please detail a regiment of infantry and
two pieces of light artillery to proceed without delay
to Paducah, Ky., to be placed upon their arrival,
under the command of General E. A. Paine,
commanding post. You will also furnish such
steamboat transportation as may be necessary.
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Captain and Aid-de-Camp.

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By C. H. Fish.

morning positive had come from them except that General Sherman was there. That fact seemed to give General Sherman greater relief than anything else could. General Crose was one of his favorites, and Sherman had all confidence in his ability to fight. At 2 p. m. Captain Bachtellet called us and requested us to call Allatons and ask for news. At 2:30 p. m. their flag came up and sent the following:

Where is General Sherman? Have you any news from him?

And receives this for answer:
General Stanley covers your front.
I do not pretend to give all the messages received or sent by our station—only those that related to the movement of troops. There were many questions asked and answered that had no bearing on the situation, and frequently short conversations between signal officers.
At 9:15 a. m., on the 9th inst., we transmitted the following:

General Vandever immediately called us into requisition and signaled Colonel Tourtelotte at Allatoona to "stop trains loaded with soldiers, holding them in readiness to return, if necessary." By this time the enemy were pressing up close to the town on the south and making feints upon our lines as though intending an attack. Fearing it might be impossible to hold the town, General Vandever sent another dispatch to Allatoona: "that if I can't hold this place, I

granted certificate of his election to a life membership in the Legion. It was presented by Colonel A. H. Reynolds and Colonel Klotz accepted it in a speech of some length.

A New Order of Ex-Confederate Veterans.

The first veteran organization of ex-Confederate soldiers was perfected in Richmond on the 11th inst., by the election of Captain Chas. M. Williams as commander. The name adopted is the R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, of Southern Veterans.